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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No.: 09/880,779

Confirmation No.: 7857

In re Application of:

Christophe VINCENT et al.

Group Art Unit: 2635

Filed: June 15, 2001

Examiner: Matsuichiro Shimizu

For: SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING AUTOMATIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT VIA A WIRELESS PROXIMITY NETWORK (as amended)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR \$1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 10, 2004, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for two (2) months. There is also attached our Check No. 18336 in the amount of \$450.00 in payment for:

Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to \$1.136(a) (\$120.00) [\$60.00].

Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to \$1.136(a) (\$450.00) [\$225.00].

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Extension fee for response within third month pursuant to \$1.136(a) (\$1,020.00) [\$510.00].

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 160331.

Respectfully submitted,

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